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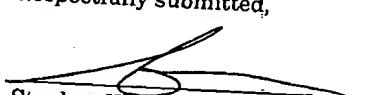
Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.26(a), request is hereby made for a refund of \$200.00, for an additional Independent claim fee charged to our Deposit Account in connection with the above-identified patent application.

A total of five (5) Independent Claims were reflected in the Responses dated October 2, 2006 and October 12, 2006. The two (2) additional claims were previously paid for on September 27, 2001. Therefore the additional Independent Claim fee is not applicable.

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